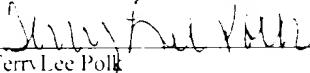


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated May 21, 2001, with the time for response extended with a four month extension of time from June 21, 2001 to October 21, 2001, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-23, 28-35, 42-61, and 69-72) with traverse. The basis for Applicants' traversal is that they do not wish to be bound to the Examiner's logic in requesting restriction of examination. Prompt examination and allowance of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' attorney-of-record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112) at 612.371.5265.

Respectfully Submitted,

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- Response to Restriction Requirement
- Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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